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EDITORIAL

WE CAN BE THANKFUL

Another Thanksgiving day is nearly here. In spite of the turmoil, the strife, the heartaches and disappointments that are our daily lot as we fight the bitterest war we have ever known we can be truly thankful in this year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-four.

What have we to be thankful for we ask, — we who have sons and daughters scattered to the far corners of the earth. We have come a long way since Pearl Harbor. Short months ago our fleet was wrecked, the size of our army training with brooms was a ridiculous thing to contemplate and this great country of ours was wide open to attack while the isolationists were busily engaged in giving solace to the enemy.

This Thanksgiving day we should get on our knees, humbly, devoutly and thank a gracious God for having saved us from annihilation and death. As weak and blind as we were no other power could have saved us. We can give thanks that our sons and daughters have thus far survived the storm and stress of total war.

For those who have lost a loved one mere words are futile, inadequate things with which to convey comfort and strength. We cannot ask them to give thanks, but we can hope that God in His infinite mercy will give them strength and comfort which we cannot and soften some of the anguish that is theirs.

This Month's DOINGS Cover

Headquarters of old Yankee 26th Division in France at Rupt-en-Woevre

DOINGS PUBLISHING COMMITTEE FORMED

As a result of a resolution passed at the last National Convention a publishing investigation committee was formed and three members, Leander Redfield, Col. Edward Miller and your editor Alfred V. Jules met on Sept. 19th at Boston, Mass.

Tangible results are in evidence as the editor will be permitted to enlarge DOINGS to 32 pages if and when we have copy. All copy is to be edited on a proportionate basis predicated on membership, a reasonable amount of money will be available to keep up the use of halftone illustrations on the front cover and running heads will be restored.

As a result of this action the National Executive Committee in session at Boston voted to establish a permanent publishing committee to be composed of Col. Edward Miller, chairman, Ray Doucette and Alfred V. Jules. They were also given power to act if and when the editor presented problems which required decision.

A plan is also under way to have a definite advertising schedule for DOINGS, some results of which are discernible in this issue, and of which we will write more and cover fully in the December issue.

Straight from the Shoulder

By John W. Dunlap
National Commander

Since my last report my travels have taken in Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Maine and New Hampshire. These interesting meetings will be reported by State and Chapters, I hope, so I will conserve space.

It is pleasing to the National Headquarters to note the steady flow of dues from all chapters. It does not mean we have reached our objective, quite the contrary, we urge and request that all chapter commanders, organize their chapters into a definite membership drive at once to collect the renewals and sign up new members. This is the year to break all records in membership that the Association may do honor to our deceased Past National Commander, Len Maloney. He was the torch bearer, so take the torch and carry on for a memorial year. Contest rules are about ready to be announced, so jump the gun!

Some of our comrades have been mislead as to the soundness of our own Y. D. V. A. The integrity of our National Treasurer, Lee Redfield and National Secretary, Guy Watts are beyond question. They are honest, faithful with their heart, body and soul, working at all times to preserve the life-line of our Organization, back them to the limit and they will carry the load.

As I review "YANKEE DOINGS" of the past, the issue of November, 1940, explains the Association's set-up. First and foremost the entire upkeep, maintenance, taxes, salaries, insurance, and running expense of the Y. D. Memorial Club House is borne by the Boston Chapter. Only twelve to thirteen cents of your national dues are paid to the Boston Chapter and that is for rent of our National Headquarters of $600 per year which the Boston Chapter alone has paid the Association to date some $1020. Every other red penny of your national dues is used exclusively for salaries of the National Secretary, ($1040), Editor of YANKEE DOINGS, ($600), printing of YANKEE DOINGS, general printing, stamps and general expense.

All Chapters are doing a grand job, we need their support, and certainly they in turn should have our wholehearted support. Let's be a united group of true veterans of the Twenty-sixth Division, World War I, when our motto was, "All for one and one for all."

Remember when you were spending your Christmas in France in World War I? A letter then was worth a lot to you, so be sure to get those letters off to the members of the armed forces today, they will be happy to know you remembered.

Let's all give thanks to our members, our sons and daughters who are now in the armed forces of Uncle Sam in this World War II.

NOTED YD MAN'S SON GIVES LIFE FOR COUNTRY

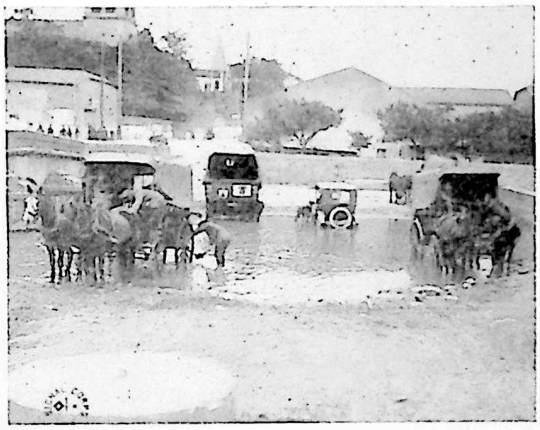
First Lieutenant John W. Case, Field Artillery, with the 224th Field Artillery Battalion of the 29th Division, the son of former Governor Norman S. Case and Mrs. Case (Emma Louise Arnold), died from wounds received in action in France, September 19th. His parents were notified by the War Department, October 4th, that he had given his life in the service of his country.

Notification that he had been seriously wounded on August 30th, in action, together with a report from the Adjutant General's Office that his recovery was "not progressing satisfactorily", was received by his parents September 28th.

Lieutenant Case, who was 23 years old, was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Field Artillery in March, 1942, enlisting while a Senior at Brown University. He sailed overseas with the 29th Division on October 3, 1942 — the 25th anniversary of the date when his father went overseas to France in World War I in command of a machine gun company of the 26th Division. Lieutenant Case was promoted to a first lieutenancy in January, 1943. He landed with the 29th Division on D-Day on the Normandy beaches.

He had received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in absentia from Brown University in 1942. He had attended the Citizens Military Training Camps in 1935, 1936, and 1937, Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont, and had received during this training a certificate of capacity for a second lieutenancy. He was commissioned just before he was 21 years of age. He had prepared for Brown University at the Henry Barnard School in Providence, R. I., and the Loomis School at Windsor, Connecticut.

John's father is Norman S. Case, former captain of Co. A, 103rd Machine Gun Bat'n., later governor of Rhode Island, now a cavalry colonel on the active reserve list and commissioner of the Federal Communications Commission at Washington at the present time.



Wagons of the 104th Ambulance Company and C Company of 101st Supply Train getting a bath at Menil la Tour, France, June 24, 1918.

VETERAN NATIONAL HEADS MEET IN NEW YORK

New York City, Oct. 31 — A meeting of the newly elected national commanders of the nation's three major veterans organizations to develop a coordinated and comprehensive program for returning veterans has been scheduled for November 1st in the Hotel Astor, New York City.

Announcement of the meeting was made today by Milton D. Cohn of Buffalo, N. Y., national commander of the Disabled American Veterans, who issued invitations to Edward N. Scheiberling of Albany, N. Y., national commander of the American Legion, and Capt. Jean Brunner of Forest Hills, N. Y., commander-in-chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Both leaders have accepted.

A. P. O.

Paul V. Messinger, son of Charles J. Messinger, Hqrs., 101st Ammunition Train, and Ella F., is with the 14th Marine Reg., 4th Marine Division and has been in two major engagements, the Marshalls and Saipan and has been recommended for the Bronze Silver Star.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

By Newton Courtney
Lynn Chapter, Now Serving Overseas

PROLOGUE: In the last city in which we were stationed (a few hundred miles from here) I noticed a little boy eating at the mess of a certain doughboy outfit. Upon inquiry I learned that he was a 13-year-old Russian boy, just Arthur's age. The Germans had brought him from Russia, after killing his entire family, and were using him as an orderly. One night, during a drunken brawl they tossed the boy from their quarters and tossed a hand grenade after him. The grenade ruptured his eardrums and wounded him quite severely. After treatment he finally recovered, and then with the usual Teuton fury the muscles of his tongue were cut so that he would not tell of the horrible treatment he had received at the hands of his captors. They had forgotten that he knew how to write, and it was by this method that the Americans learned of his pitiful tale.

Scene I: Yesterday in line with my duties I was called upon to visit the same doughboy unit and saw the same boy busily scrubbing pots and pans for all he was worth. One of the G.I.'s informed me that when they boarded their trucks to leave their last station the little fellow started to cry. The C.O. of the outfit thought that it was best to leave him there as they were bound for a destination near the front and he did not wish to assume the responsibility of having the boy on his hands. However, a kind hearted G.I. Joe in the last jeep of the convoy picked up the crying boy and placed him in his jeep. To show his appreciation for being brought along with his American friends he had worked like the very devil ever since arriving.

SCENE II: Returning through a small French town we noted a crowd around four women. Stopping our jeep we learned that the four females had been harboring two escaped German prisoners of war for several days. American M.P.'s had taken the prisoners to their stockade and had turned the women over to the F.F.I. (French Forces of the Interior, more familiarily known as the Free French). They had torn nearly all their clothes off and were shaving the hair from their heads when we came upon them. After this operation had been concluded they were run out of town. That is the way the French deal with their own race who aid the enemy.

SCENE III: Our headquarters is located in a former Gestapo headquarters. Fearing that some French patriot might sneak down the hill in the rear of the building and toss a hand grenade through a window, Hitler's Super-Bastards mined the entire back yard. Three days ago a beautiful six-year-old child whose only crime was to play in her own back yard was blown to bits by one of those mines.

SCENE IV: In the town cemetery on top of the hill are 10 graves containing the remains of the former Mayor and nine other hostages who were publicly shot in the town square because a German soldier had been found dead in the street one night. Persons who saw the body told me he had undoubtedly been struck by a German truck.

SCENE V: Last night at 1800 (six o'clock) 15 American officers were ordered to vacate their rooms in the local hotel. At 2000, 10 German generals, one German vice-admiral, one German U-boat captain and three orderlies arrived to sleep in the beds of the American officers. Why? Because the Geneva convention stipulates that officer prisoners of war will be afforded the same food and accommodations as that enjoyed by the corresponding grade of their captors. Particularly revolting is the fact that one of the generals was the former commandant of this town in whose bed I am sleeping.

It was he who ordered the mines planted in the back yard.

It was he who ordered the hostages executed.

It was his men who tortured the little Russian boy.

It was the senior officer of this group of Super-Bastards who directed the garrisons at Brest to resist to the last minute even though they knew their resistance was hopeless. Many a G.I. Joe lies beneath a white cross because of Teuton stubbornness.

I was standing in the lobby when these super-bastards marched in to occupy beds vacated by American officers. It made our blood boil to see three G.I. Joes struggling in with the prisoners' hand baggage and boots, just as if they were tourists. The remarks made by many of the officers witnessing this scene do not make very pleasant reading, I can assure you.

Of course, we are a law abiding nation and the covenants of the Geneva Treaty must be strictly obeyed especially governing the treatment of Prisoners of War. It is our contention that when a man commits murder by deliberately doing or ordering done some of the things enumerated above he is not entitled to be treated according to the rules established by the Geneva Treaty. But, after all, who are we to decide or discuss such matters? It just doesn't make sense, does it?

A. P. O.

Hartford, Conn., — Arthur A. Nielsen of 132 Cumberland Street, for the last two years assistant area director for the War Manpower Commission, has been appointed unemployment compensation appeals agent for veterans in Connecticut, it was announced Tuesday. The appointment was made by General Frank T. Hines, veterans administrator, on recommendation of Governor Baldwin and Labor Commissioner Danaher.

Mr. Nielsen has resigned his position with WMC to accept the veterans job. It was not announced Tuesday when his resignation will go into effect.

Mr. Nielsen said that an office will be opened soon in Hartford to handle compensation claims for veterans throughout Connecticut. While no location has yet been named for the new office, Mr. Nielsen said that it is expected to begin operation after October 1.

A veteran of World War I, Mr. Nielsen is a member of Hayes-Velhage Post, A. L., of West Hartford, and Hartford Chapter, Yankee Division Veterans' Association.

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GEORGE LOMBARD — YD — SOMERVILLE

(Political Advertisement)

Front Row, top photograph: Nat. Comdr. John Dunlop, Mrs. Dunlop, P.N.C. Forsyth, Mrs. Forsyth. Rear: Dept. Comdr. Emile Thiabault, Nat. Sgt.-at-Arms Gene Dugas, Charles A. Davis, chapter secretary; Mrs. Dugas, our host, Past Comdr. Harold B. Williams, Comdr. Saunders, Portsmouth Navy Yard, N. H. and Bill Forsyth, Jr. No identification for center and bottom pictures.

At the regular monthly meeting of San Gabriel Valley Chapter, Military Order of the Purple Heart, held on Friday evening, Aug. 25, Archie J. Bradley, 102 West Floral, Arcadia, was elected commander of the chapter for the coming year.

Mr. Bradley is well fitted to head this group of combat veterans. Wounded in World War I, he is the holder of the Silver Star Medal and a citation from General Pershing, as well as the Purple Heart Medal. Mr. Bradley is a past commander of Glenn Dyer Post 247, American Legion of Arcadia, and a past commander of the Yankee (26) Division Club of Southern California, and served in World War I with Co. A, 104th Infantry.

A Letter to the Editor

Northampton, Mass.

Dear Comrade, Editor:

I am enclosing herewith a snapshot of young Pfc. Robert Bartlett, U. S. Marine Corps (will appear in Dec. DOINGS, Editor.) who is with that branch of the service on Guam in the Pacific. I do not know this marine other than that his father who is stationed "Somewhere on the Makin Atoll", also in the Pacific sent it to me from there. I cannot say that I even know this father, Comrade Sgt. V. W. Bartlett of the 820th Bomb Sqd. (M) APO 459, c/o P. M. San Francisco, Calif., but he tells me in a letter that he is a "young fellow of 48" now back in the service and a former old soldier of Co. M, 102nd Inf.

Sgt. Bartlett asked me to send the snapshot of his son, Robert, to YANKEE DOINGS.

To show that YANKEE DOINGS gets around I received a letter from Comrade Bartlett (the old man) which was dated Aug. 11, 1944, to the effect that he saw my name in DOINGS and that he would like to have me advise him what service ribbons he was entitled to wear for World War One service plus the Mexican Border and the holder of the Purple Heart. I sent a rather lengthy letter to Comrade Bartlett with a little "Civilian Advice" and advised him that I would be pleased to make up a set of ribbons for his "manly chest" without charge, as any man from the old YD who was back in service after all these years was entitled to something free for old times sake, providing that he would in turn send me something without cost which pertained to a Jap. Not to be outdone this good comrade states he "was able to take a short hop" over to see his son, this short hop being only a distance of 4000 miles. While on this visit he snatched (the crook) a pack of Japanese cigarettes from his son which he sent to me. My wife is afraid that I might smoke them as they may contain some hops or harrikarrie. This pack of butts has just reached me with the snapshot of his son. The snapshot is for DOINGS.

Comrade Bartlett tells me in his letter that he is from Torrington, Conn. (Some little town no one but the boys from the 102nd ever heard of), and further states that this war is a hell of a lot different than "our war", but he is over there trying to give his best for good old Uncle Sam. He says that he wants to stay in until the final kill as he thinks that he can make the grade.

I have had mail from all over the world from old comrades of the YD, some of them appear to be pretty well off and some of the letters you could not buy as they will become part of a highly treasured album. I included Comrade Bartletts as one of the latter. Some day I hope to have these letters all set up for observation at a YD convention.

If there is an old timer stationed anywhere in the world who is back in harness again and wants his ribbons repaired or new service bars, I will be glad to send them to him without charge, if he will send to me some form of a memento of the part of the world in which he now is stationed. Being always in favor of the Army I will however, include this for the old bucks that have forsaken the army in favor of the Navy, God bless 'em.

This matter of making up service ribbon bars is a hobby with me for which I am authorized by the U. S. War Department and I solicit only those members of the old Yankee Division. As for myself I have a special job with "Uncle Sam" which I do not feel I am authorized to state in this letter, however I can say it is a lot of fun and when you can say that about a job it must be fun.

Yours in comradeship,
L. Powers Fulton,
Formerly of Div. Hdq. and the old B Co., 104th Infantry.

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GI: "Drinking makes you look very beautiful."
Girl: "But I don't drink."
GI: "I know, but I do."

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Breathes there a man with soul so dead, who never turned his head and said:
"Not Bad!"

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Nomination for the world's dumbest sailor: The gob who went to the Virgin Islands for a wife.

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Private (at concert): "She has quite a large repertoire, hasn't she?"
Private First Class: "Yes, and that dress makes it look worse."

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Mazie: "I was getting fond of Ed — until he got too fresh and spoiled it all."
Daisy: Isn't it terrible how fast a man can undo everything?"

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Just because a girl is well oiled is no guarantee that she won't squeal.

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Husband: "Every time I shave I feel 10 years younger."
Wife: "Why don't you shave before you go to bed?"

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Most sweater girls are observed in the best places.

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There are two kinds of people in the Army; enlisted men and people whose clothes fit.

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Private 1/c.: "Where have you been during the last three dances?"
Gal: "The Corporal was showing me some new steps."
Private 1/c.: "Were they very hard?"
Gal: "No. We took some cushions along."

MEMBERSHIP STANDING

***Comparison of 1943-44**

1944		1943
	DEPT. OF ME.	
34	Cumberland	32
2	Farmington	2
50	Lewiston	40
35	Waterville	38
23	At Large	27
144		139
	DEPT. OF N. H.	
7	Concord	6
2	Franklin	3
9	Keene	13
64	Manchester	43
40	Nashua	40
10	Rochester	11
24	Triangle	21
10	At Large	8
166		145
	DEPT. OF VT.	
16	Brattleboro	29
1	Burlington	0
27	Montpelier-Barre	20
42	Rutland	17
2	St. Albans	12
7	Morrisville	9
7	At Large	6
102		93
	DEPT. OF MASS.	
35	Beverly	32
533	Boston	534
55	Concord	50
9	Brockton	9
40	Danvers	40
134	Fitchburg	131
4	Foxboro	7
50	Haverhill	45
7	Holyoke	4
12	Lawrence	25
25	Lowell	10
242	Lynn	245
20	Marlboro	22
44	Milford	38
74	New Bedford	86
34	Reading	22
41	Salem	16
103	Springfield	12
170	Worcester	14
65	At Large	56
1697		1643
	DEPT. OF R. I.	
118	Apremont	108
26	Kent County	25
237	Providence	209
0	At Large	1
381		343
	DEPT. OF CONN.	
47	Bridgeport	36
114	Bristol	111
250	Hartford	227
64	Manchester	51
79	Meriden	77
25	Middletown	24
37	New Britain	54
234	New Haven	161
16	New London	21
26	Norwalk	24
34	Stamford	32
26	Torrington	3
6	Valley	18
22	Wallingford	16
15	Waterbury	14
46	Willimantic	52
30	Groton-Stonington	29
1	At Large	2
1072		950
	DEPT. OF U. S.	
26	Chicago	12
33	Cleveland	38
11	Denver	11
21	Detroit	26
17	Los Angeles	16
144	New York	152
24	Philadelphia	26
30	Washington	28
37	Life Members	37
90	At Large	95
3958	GRAND TOTAL	3757

***Note. Comparison is Oct. 20 each year.**

DOINGS COPY FOR DECEMBER DUE NOVEMBER 20TH

YD SONS AND DAUGHTERS

1st LT. JOHN W. CASE
(Deceased)
Son of
Capt. Norman S. Case
Co. A, 103rd M.G.Bn.

CPl. JUNE M. CONNOLLY
WAC Detachment
Station Complement
Camp Kilmer, N. J.
Daughter of
James N. Connolly
Batt. E., 101st F.A.

HOWARD THOMAS, JR.
Army Air Corps
Weather Observer, Alaska
Son of
Howard C. Thomas
Hdqtrs. Troop

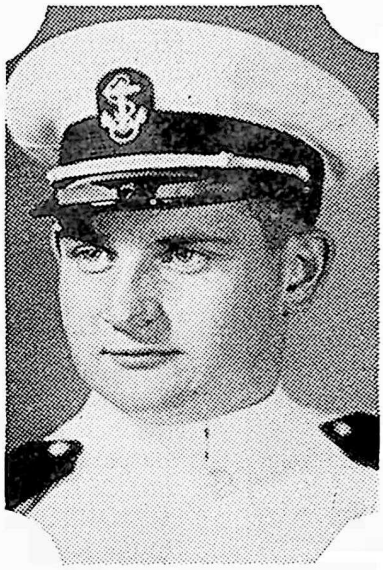
WILMOT P. MURRAY
M.M. 3/c U.S.N., L.S.T.
Son of
Harold K. Murray
Co. H, 101st Inf.

S.F. 3/c CARL F. GOULD
South Pacific U.S.N.R.
Son of
James C. Gould
Batt. A, 103rd F.A.

MICHAEL FRANZESE
U. S. Navy
Son of
Frank A. Franzese
Hdqtrs. Co., 102 M.G.B.

YD SONS IN SERVICE

JOSEPH A. SANSO, JR.
U. S. Navy
Son of
Joseph A. Sanso, Sr.
Formerly Co. E, 102nd Infantry



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Son of
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Hdqtrs. Troop

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U.S.N. Academy
Son of
John J. DeMayo, Sr.
Formerly M.G. Co., 102nd Infantry

EDWARD R. SHIELDS
U. S. Navy
Son of
Harold H. Shields
Formerly Co. C, 102nd Infantry

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WILBUR L. HUBBELL, S 2/c
Son of
Leslie W. Hubbell
Co. H, 102nd Inf.

FORREST H. INKSTER
Army Air Corps
Son of
Andrew H. Inkster
Formerly Co. F, 102nd Infantry

REV. MICHAEL J. O'CONNOR

REV. M. J. O'CONNOR DIES

Father Michael J. O'Connor, former Chaplain of the 101st Infantry, and Pastor of St. Bridget's Church, of Framingham, Mass., died on Friday, September 29th after a short illness.

Father O'Connor was the senior Chaplain of the 26th Division in France and after returning to this country was Chaplain of the new Division after it was reorganized for many years and retired as a Brigadier General after many years of faithful service.

Father O'Connor was National Chaplain of the YD Veterans' Association several times and always took much interest in YD Veterans affairs.

The funeral was held at his former Church and all branches of the Division was represented beside many who had known him and loved him throughout his life.

The Services were conducted by the new Archbishop with many friends of the Clergy attending.

A regular Military funeral was carried out with members of the firing squad furnished by his former buddy, Colonel Vincent Breen now Commanding Officer of the 26th Infantry, M.S.G., with the firing squad consisting of Major Fred Jackson, Major Walter Grant, Major John Gleason, Captain Edward A. Connor, Captain John J. Tracey, Lieut. William Riley, Lieut. William Kinsman and Lieut. William Hall.

P.N.C. Leonard J. Maloney Trophy Comm.

Report on P. N. C. Leonard J. Maloney Trophy Committee by P. N. C. Austin Appleby, Chairman. Membership quota will be based on the average of the past four years totals. No average will be less than 25. Figures will be available for the next issue of DOINGS. A suitable Trophy will be picked out by the Committee.

A. P. O.

Write to "Gil" — Captain Linwood S. Gilman, 0-447984, Hdqtrs. Channel Base Section, P. M. Sec., A.P.O. No. 228, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

Gil now has one dead German and three prisoners to his credit so far.

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NEW ENGLAND GETS IT IN THE NECK - AGAIN

We have seen this war progress from one phase to another, and our National Guard which had been called into Federal service quite some time before Pearl Harbor; more or less kicked around from pillar to post. At long last the 26th Infantry "Yankee" Division is seeing action after months of waiting.

Admitted that some regiments, formerly in the division have long since acquitted themselves very creditably in the South Pacific since the early stages of warfare there, the fact remains that these regiments in so doing, bring no credit whatever to the 26th (Yankee) Division; inasmuch as they are now NOT in that division nor have they been since they went overseas.

Granted that in reforming the division from a sure (4 infantry regiment) division to the presently recognized triangular (3 infantry regiment) division, there would bound to occur a certain amount of backtracking in order to again bring the division as such up to the requirements of an effective combat team as now commonly accepted.

However, the fact remains for a long time now since the Division has been thoroughly triangularized and retrained first in one camp and then in another; the division as such remains in remote corners of the United States to rot so to speak and more or less die in oblivion. What a fate for a fighting division whose predecessor acquitted itself so well not so many years ago. That my friends, is just the trouble; the old YD acquitted itself too well in 1918 and as a direct result of what we did in 1918 the present division is in no uncertain terms being made to atone. What other explanation can be given us for the treatment that has been accorded the 26th Division as it exists today.

If any of you think that politics was played during the last war as demonstrated in the way they tried to give our Old Man the gate; that was small-time stuff as compared to what has occurred in this war and is still going on.

It is definitely established from facts as they have taken place already, that it is the accepted policy of the Administration as demonstrated by the War Department; to assure that no Yankee regiment is FIRST in this war to be decorated with the Croix de Guerre or any other decoration. One definite way to make sure of this is to "lose" the Yankee Division in various camps throughout the United States during the entire progress of the war. Divisions with far less background have long since gone overseas and taken an active part in hostilities both in the Pacific and in Europe; but no—a thousand times no; the Yankee Division must NOT be given a ghost of a chance.

So much for that; now let's go into another sphere of discrimination that is being foisted upon us in the apparently deliberate attempt to Southernize New England by making it a definite point to assure that troops from the South are constantly in the majority in our largest New England camps of Fort Devens and Camp Edwards; while our own sons and loved ones are drafted locally and shoved off to the far corners of the country for basic training and whatever follows. These troops from the South are in many cases bringing their women with them, some of these womenfolks who had never seen a bath-tub before coming here, have secured jobs and are making so much money and living so high they never intend to leave here. Furthermore, many of the troops stationed here who are used to hominy and fat-back at home in the deep South for most all their meals, have also become imbued with the idea that they will remain here after the war and settle down.

Things like these don't just "happen", there is something far more sinister behind it all; your guess is as good as mine. Personally, I cannot see giving up my job after the war to some lad from deep Alabama who will work for 2/3 of what I consider a living wage in this part of the country. Furthermore I have no intention of taking our Southern pal's place in Alabamy to eat hominy and fat-back three times a day — not by a long shot.

Then there is the closing down of certain garrisons in this part of the country; some of these army posts having been of long standing and permanent in construction. Some kind of an alibi was handed out as the reason; but the fact remains I've heard of no army posts in Texas or Tennessee being closed at the same time or since. Put that one in your pipe and smoke it.

One then gathers that the plan is to shove as many of these people off onto us, just as they thought they would the Japs who were interned; the basic idea being to lower our standard of living and what goes with it. Naturally those in power in that part of the country don't want so many of their own folks returning from the war to their homes much more enlightened on how they were held down when civilians before the war, not only educationally but economically as well. Too many such people coming home and asking for explanations of "how come" they were shoved around so before the war would sort of tip over their apple cart. Some people raised a lot

of howl about slavery prior to the civil war; only to permit it openly under other names right now in the same country. Folks who have seen the show "Tobacco Road" have laughed over some of the characters all the while considering it pure fiction — far from it my friend, "Tobacco Road" is nearer true life in some parts of our country than many are wont to believe. Those responsible and who allow such conditions to exist are the very ones who want to bring about this change in the Yankee part of the country so their own returning veterans won't be asking too many questions or wherefors.

In short, a distinct and clear attempt is being made to bring the Yankee part of this country down to the level of the "pore white trash" of the deep South and in so doing not only have the upper hand in their part of the country but here as well.

To top the whole thing off, look at this recent and brazen attempt to de-industrialize New England in the proposed reconversion plan of another clique; which is no doubt tied in with the heads of the other groups who are determined to lower our standards of living here.

In conclusion I feel that it is high time somebody got on their high horse and told somebody else off; we were here first as demonstrated by the landing of the Pilgrims on Plymouth Rock, and by the Lord Harry, I for one, intend to stay and I don't intend to back-water in so doing. How about you?

— Leon F. Denis.

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

REPORT OF MEETING AT BOSTON, OCTOBER 14

The National Executive Committee meeting was held at National Headquarters, Boston, Mass., on Sunday, Oct. 15, 1944 with 30 members present. Minutes of last meeting were read and accepted. Treasurer Redfield read financial report and explained in detail the reason for the deficit last year. That DOINGS cost had grown so that it exceeded our income.

Report of YDVA Publishing Committee: On Sept. 26, three members of the committee, L. H. Redfield, Edgar Miller and Alfred Jules met and formulated plans for the guidance of the Editor as voted at the last convention. A. Raymond Doucette and James Hurley were unable to attend.

The committee voted to instruct the Editor as follows:

1. No issue of YANKEE DOINGS may have more than 32 pages. (a) If any one issue has more than that number of pages, the succeeding issue must be correspondingly less.

2. All chapters requesting cuts to appear in DOINGS will be asked to absorb the engravers charge for such work.

3. If and when a heavier cover stock may be secured it is to be used.

4. Secretaries of State Departments are asked not to send in the minutes of the meetings but to prepare copy containing items of interest to the membership.

5. When copy from both a Chapter Secretary and a Chapter Commander is received, that of the Commander is to be used.

6. The publishing committee through its Chairman is to request the National Executive for power to act on all publishing problems and finances.

7. The Editor will edit copy to the best of his ability so that space devoted to Chapters will be proportionate with the chapter's paid up members.

8. Running heads are to be used in DOINGS and editing decisions are discretionate with the editor.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the report of the committee.

Report on P.N.C. Leonard J. Maloney Membership Trophy by Chairman P.N.C. Appleby: Stated that committee was working on details and had about decided on taking an average of the past four years for the basis to work on. That Past Nat'l. Comdr.'s will pay for the trophy. Asked for suggestions from chapters on rules. Wants to be fair to all chapters, small and large.

P.N.C. Forsyth read letter from Regular Veterans' Association thanking him for the visit paid to the convention of their association in Albany.

It was recommended that all Amendments to the Constitution be printed. This would include those rejected by the By-laws Committee.

No bids were received for the next Convention and Commander Dunlap laid it on the table until the next meeting.

Treasurer Redfield read a letter that had been sent out by P.N.C. Forsyth to several chapters of the association. He took up each chapter separately and answered all questions to the satisfaction of mem-

bers. Explained about the Christmas Cards, that the YD Club of Boston had started the sending out of Christmas cards back in or before 1924. That they split with the YDVA for the use of the name and for several years they were the only ones sending them. One year they split $6600. Another $10,000. Always helped the YDVA when YDVA was in need of assistance. In 1938 when there was a grave deficit, $3000 was raised to wipe it out and a third of that came from the YD Club of Boston and its members. Explained that the YD Club of Boston building was owned by that chapter under three civilian trustees. It was without mortgage and all expenses paid by the chapter. The Sales Dept. has been run by the chapter since being turned over to them by the association who could not finance it some time ago.

Judge Advocate Vine Parmelee spoke at length stating that this had started out as a tempest in a teapot, but had changed into a Tempest and that for the good of the association it should be ironed out at once. Made many suggestions to assist in solving the difficulties.

Treasurer Redfield stated his integrity had been questioned and told of time before the Rutland Convention when association was in the red and he had loaned the money to pay the bills.

A motion was made, seconded and passed that a vote of confidence be given Treasurer Redfield. Also motion of the same to Secretary Watts. Meeting was adjourned at 6.50 p.m.

— H. G. Watts, Secretary.

Down the Company Street

Corporal: "Is Helen as pretty as she used to be?"
Sergeant: "Yes, but it takes her longer."

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Aide (de busy Colonel): "That man out in the waiting room has no appointment, but I think you'll be interested in seeing him — his brief case gurgles."

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"How many kinds of wood are used in making a match."

"Two kinds," replied the Private First Class. "He would and she would."

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This is the season when some men go fishing. Others do their drinking at home.

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Then there was the crosseyed professor who couldn't control his pupils.

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A good woman inspires a soldier.
A beautiful woman interests him.
But it's the sympathetic woman who gets him.

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Matrimony is something that the bachelor avoids and the widower escapes.

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I never drink, I never flirt.
I never gossip, or spread the dirt.
I have no line, or funny tricks.
But what the hell—I'm only six.

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DEPARTMENT AND CHAPTER NEWS

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National Secretary: H. Guy Watts, 200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT

MORRISVILLE
Commander: Lewis F. Delano
Morrisville, Vt.
Secretary: Earle J. Morrill
Morrisville, Vt.

This community was saddened last month by the death of Carrol L. Silloway, known by all as "Cub" Silloway. "Cub" has cheerfully put up a long, up-hill fight to the last. He will be remembered by army buddies in Company C of the old 103rd Infantry as Corp. Cub Silloway. He won fame in athletics throughout the state, and as a baseball pitcher and basketball center, was the tops.

He held the position as field man for the United Farmers' Creamery and kept on his job long after he probably should have quit, but that was "Cub". The funeral was held at the local M.E. Church and was military. The old YD gang turned out in force to pay their respects. The American Legion and auxiliary, the creamery boys and other clubs and organizations were all well represented.

"Cub" was the first commander of the Lamoille County YD, and has always been a great worker for the organization.

The friends of this and near-by towns filled the church to its capacity. Yes, "Cub" and his sunny smile will be missed by all who knew him. He is survived by his wife, Betty, also a brother and sister.

— E. J. Morrill.

RUTLAND
Commander: Philip Rich
24 High St., Rutland, Vt.
Secretary: B. Marsh Whelden
135 Bellevue Ave., Rutland, Vt.

Despite the hurricane warnings broadcast all day long the 14th, 21 men, tried and true showed up for the meeting at the Rutland Armory that night. John Strong, bringing Aumand with him, blew in from Bellows Falls, and to make sure he got home, he brought along a cross-cut saw and an axe, plus his usual fund of good stories.

Devereux as usual came in from Belmont, and was the bearer of an invitation to come down there for the next meeting, Oct. 19. We all remember the last one and won't miss this time. "Dev" has two boys in the present conflict, and it appears that there are all told about 16 or more of our boys out there. One of them has just given the full sacrifice. This is Noah Fredette's son.

Cocklin, North and McGuire gave us a swell feed and a good time was had by all as usual. Most of the Rutland regulars were there when Commander Rich brought down the gavel, including Sharrow, Foote, Fredette, Gokey, Harry Hall, Perry, Woodbury, LaPlante, Alberico, Jack Seaver, Shedd, Ghio, and Rich.

There is a movement on foot here to erect a large civic center building using as bait for subscriptions the idea that it can be called a Memorial to the service of the men of all wars, and perhaps including therein a room for veterans' meetings. It seemed to be the consensus of the meeting that if the city wishes a civic center, they should go ahead and build it as such and not confuse it with the idea of a War Memorial. Further that they would do well to await the return of the boys from this war before they launched any idea of a memorial, thinking that perhaps they might have some very definite ideas as to what form it should take. A committee of three was appointed to keep in touch with the matter.

A letter from Scotty McKinnon now with the Air Force down in Tennessee was read, and his old friends were sure glad to hear from him.

After the usual round of stories, meeting adjourned and found the hurricane had gone to sea south of Boston.

— B. Marsh Whelden.

For ages the two sexes have been racing for supremacy. Now they have settled down to neck and neck.

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A kiss is a course of procedure cunningly devised for the mutual stoppage of speech at a moment when words are superfluous.

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

Dep't. Commander: Emile Thibault, R-16 Chase St., Salem, Mass.
Secretary: Charles W. Davis, 21 Holten St., Danvers, Mass.

BOSTON

Commander: Edward A. Connor
150 St. Botolph St., Boston, Mass.
Secretary: H. Guy Watts
200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

The Smoker for October was one of the best attended of the year. With more up-to-date movies for entertainment the membership spent a very interesting evening. Our Smokers are drawing a capacity audience, even through the hot weather and with the fall here now expect an overflow crowd every month.

Anthony Kalinoski, formerly of C Co., 101st Inf., who has been in the Navy ever since his discharge from World War No. 1, was a recent visitor at the club. He had just returned from the European theatre and is in the Chelsea Naval Hospital for a checkup. He served for years on the Marblehead which was badly smashed up in the early days of the war with Japan, but managed to get back to the United States under its own power.

Another visitor was Enright Broderick, formerly of H Co., 101st Infantry. He is a sergeant in the army and has about the same service as Kalinoski. Has served in China, Philippines, Hawaii, Panama and England. He is now with the Army Air Corps.

Ed Bryanton, formerly with the 101st Signal Battalion, now a lieutenant commander in the U. S. Navy, visited the club on his way to the A.M.G. school at Princeton University for a three months' course. Ed has just returned from Guam and Saipan and has seen much service in the South Pacific for the past three years.

Major Mike Ladouceur (D Co., 104th Inf.) stopped at the club enroute to his home and left a note saying he was granted a 10-day furlough to come home from Paris and had to be back in that time. How the boys get around these days.

Boston Auxiliary

The monthly meeting of the Yankee Division Auxiliary was held at the YD Club on Oct. 14.

S.V.P. Hazel Murphy presided in the absence of Pres. Reimer who attended the installation and dinner of the YD Legion Post 290 as an invited guest.

Nov. 4, 1944 is the date of our annual affair, this year being a monster Penny Sale with Hazel Murphy as chairman and it is hoped that this party will be a grand success as we have had very little activity this year.

President Catherine Reimer and Secretary Lillian Kellen, visited the West Roxbury Veterans' Hospital on Saturday, Oct. 7 and spent a very pleasant afternoon visiting throughout the hospital.

One of our members, Anne Meehan, made and presented to our President a very lovely scrapbook to be given to some veterans' hospital and on her recent visit to the hospital at West Roxbury, President Reimer presented this scrapbook to the hospital librarian.

The mystery package went to Agnes Lacasse this month, the holder of the lucky number.

— Lillian Kellen.

BEVERLY

Commander: Fred W. Hammond
15 Bertram St., Beverly, Mass.
Secretary: Frank L. Smith
2 Harrison Ave., Beverly, Mass.

We had a swell talk by Lt. Gladys Wood, A.C., WAC at our September meeting. Lt. Wood told of her experiences in two years in the corps and we all got a new conception of what the women in the army are doing. One of our members very graciously presented Lt. Wood a frosted cake bearing the YD emblem.

Our October meeting was featured by the showing of several reels of films by Commander Hammond.

Oct. 16 about 25 of the gang went to Mrs. Pike's for a chicken dinner. Stealing some of the Danver's chapter's stuff. And we had a good punch, too. Sister Thibeault was there and two boys from the Marine Corps, Pvt. Wood and Sgt. Dow. Back from the South Pacific, Sgt. Dow gave quite a story of the action on Guadalcanal, Bougainville and Cape Gloucester. Also some personal views on the native population.

To you members who don't get around, we are having some good sessions now. Our membership is getting up where it belongs. Our chapter is getting out front locally. Our commander headed the 5th War Loan Parade. He is Marshal of the Armistice Day Parade. We have as new members the commanders of Post 12, A.L. and Post 545, V.F.W. We are going to town. Are you coming along?

By the time this comes out, if it makes the grade, Btry. F, 101st F.A. Vets. Assoc. will have held its 25th annual reunion. Shoot at that one. Bob Standley, now ensign, U.S.C.G. Aux. Res., is the man more responsible for this record than the rest of us. It's been a lot of work Bob, but worth it.

— Frank L. Smith.

CONCORD
"Minute Man" Chapter
Commander: William L. McCarthy
407 Main St., W. Concord, Mass.
Secretary: Michael J. Dee
222 Elm St., W. Concord, Mass.

Oct. 10, 8.45 p.m. at YD Cafe, Bedford, 20 members present from Acton, Ayer, Bedford, Concord, W. Concord, Lincoln, Winthrop and Washington, Me.

Regular business was gone through fast and the nomination and election of officers was the most important business of the night.

Officers elected were: Com., Clif L. Day, Co. I, 104th Inf.; S.V.C., Rex Morgan, 101st Art.; J.V.C., Bernard Snee, 102nd MG Co.; Sect., Clyde Booker, 101st Eng.; Treas., John O'Grady, Co. B, 101st MP; Chap., Emil Svennengsen, Supply Train, 101st; Sgt.-at-Arms, Joseph Dee, Co. B, 101st MP. Executive officers, P.C. William L. McCarthy, Michael J. Dee and John Dolan. Installation next meeting, Nov. 9, second Thursday of month. "Note change in meeting night". So voted at this meeting.

"Hap Jules," our editor was in and only knew a few of the boys. "Hap" should get around more often and meet the boys.

Three guests were with us, Henry C. Isnor, old Co. I, 6th Reg. and in Navy in World War I. Sgt. White and Cpl. Coburn of A.A.F.; both boys had a few words to say. Comparing the G.I.'s of today with those of '17, someone asked the question: "What is the GI's first thought — home or woman?" Answer: woman—1A—just like the boys of '17.

Don't forget change in meeting night. "Second Thursday"—Nov. 9. — Sully.

DANVERS
Commander: Paul Moore
5 Oak St., Danvers, Mass.
Secretary: Charles W. Davis
21 Holten St., Danvers, Mass.

Well Danvers Chapter got off to a good start when they held their first meeting for the season at the home of Past Commander Harold B. Williams. We had the usual clam bake and needless to say it went over big we had 43, ten of whom were guests. This was Nat. Commander visitation and we had John and Mrs. Dunlop, Nat. Serg-at-Arms Gene Dugas and Mrs. Dugas, State Dept. Commander Emile Thibault and our Past Nat. Commander Bill Forsyth accompanied by Mrs. Forsyth and Bill Junior, all of whom came on from Philadelphia just to be with us.

We have 40 paid up members and I know two or three more to come in. Our next meeting will be held at our old stand—Mrs. Pike's Inn, Middleton, the latter part of October and it looks like a fine social time for Danvers Chapter this coming winter.

Am sending you snaps of the clambake and if you don't think Bill Forsyth can eat corn take a slant at the photos and oh boy can Mrs. Forsyth do a job on lobsters. I don't dare tell how many she ate. Must also mention we had Commander Saunders from the Portsmouth, N. H. Navy Yard accompanied by C.P.O. Bill Marlowe. I skipped last month's DOINGS to allow more space for the YD issue—however I will be on the job again every month.

— C. W. Davis.

FITCHBURG
Commander: Urban Riendeau
122 Laurel St., Fitchburg, Mass.
Secretary: Russell F. Aldrich
59 Fairview St., Fitchburg, Mass.

Fitchburg Chapter held its meeting as usual Tuesday evening, Oct. 10th in the Sons of St. George Hall. Because of the fact that 30 wounded service men from Lovell General Hospital, Fort Devens, were guests the regular business was dispensed with. The boys arrived by bus from the hospital about 7.45 p.m. and climbed a couple of flights of stairs to the hall. This was some chore for the majority as they had foot or leg wounds and were using either crutches or canes.

A gab fest was held until about 8.30 p. m. when an entertainment of songs and jokes was given by local talent. The show was produced by Bill Hanley and consisted of M.C. Jack Kelley, songs by Miss Norma Erickson and Mrs. Irene Lawrence and magic by Charlie Anderson. Bill Hanley played the piano and the young vets and the old vets sang old songs together besides some of the new ones.

The old standby "Red" Bryce then served hamburgs and "hot dogs" and coffee—What? Oh sure there were some liquid refreshments.

"Geke" Shea brought up daughter Betty, a member of the WAC's who was home on furlough.

Around 60 of the chapter members were also among those present and a grand time was had by all.

The party lasted until 10.45 p.m. when the bus arrived to take them back to the hospital and as usual they want to know when the next party will be.

Fitchburg Chapter voted at its September meeting to send the usual Christmas gift to all members of our chapter who are in the present conflict.

— Russ Aldrich.

LYNN
Commander: Robert E. Newman
9 Dana St., East Lynn, Mass.
Secretary: Edmund Trudell
67 Howard St., Lynn, Mass.

Plans are completed for our 26th Annual Armistice Eve Banquet on Nov. 10th, 6.30 p.m. at Oxford Club in Lynn. This year should be a banner one and if you want tickets reserved, don't wait, get them early. A catered dinner, a fine program of entertainment and a few speeches will precede dancing until a late hour. It will be a great party comrades, well worth coming miles to take part in. Our National Commander John Dunlap, our Mayor and many other distinguished guests will honor us by their presence.

Committee: Chairman, Edmond Trudell; co-chairmen, Carl Ruddock and Com. Robert Newman, S.V.C. Christian Schacht, J.V.C. Lloyd Pitman and A. Raymond Doucette, Walter Smith, Perley Knight, James Connolly, Rudolph Heftye, George Walton, Herbert Weeks, George Lee, Thomas Curran, Albert Martin, Leslie Pugh, Claude Hoag, Richard Hennessey, Frank Meagher, Peter Perrault, Ivan Comeau, William Eddows, Charles Balcom, Gustave Johnson, Joseph Sewell, Earl Bailey, Charles Scanlon, Eustis Grimes, Leo Farley, Alphonse Adrien, Roy Knox, Willis Harvey, Robert Quinn, Harry Moore, Edward Saulnier, Harold Guppy, Bertram Narbis and Joseph Jackman.

We will also take part in Armistice Day Parade, Nov. 11th and all YD men in greater Lynn are invited to march with us as a unit. We will once again conduct special services after the parade at General Edwards Bridge when wreaths will be placed at Revere and Lynn ends of bridge with fitting ceremonies, assisted by our Junior Drum Corps.

Xmas boxes have been sent to our eight members overseas and 20 more will go to members serving back home in U.S.A. Xmas cards will be sent to all YD men in greater Lynn and once again we will conduct our Xmas Party at Chelsea Soldiers' Home Hospital on Dec. 20th when all YD men, members or not, will receive a well filled Xmas box.

A. Raymond Doucette is chairman of this committee assisted by Eustis Grimes, Rudolph Heftye, Carl Ruddock, George Walton, Herbert Weeks, Percy Paige, Charles Scanlon, Christian Schacht, Arthur Pierce, and William Eddows. A fine program has been arranged for this great cause.– Ray Doucette.

NEW BEDFORD
Commander: Louis Marcoux
34 Arlington St., New Bedford, Mass.
Secretary: Charles Bowden
55 Fruit St., New Bedford, Mass.

The monthly meeting was held as usual at Carpenters Hall, North Sixth St. with one of the largest gatherings in some time, showing a renewed interest on the part of the members. We sincerely trust this was not just a flash in the pan but will continue at future meetings which are always held at the same place on the second Tuesday of every month. Your officers have been and will in the future try to procure the latest and best motion pictures as they become available for your enjoyment. The business meetings are made as short as possible consistent with the business at hand and the entertainment long enough to keep the members from becoming bored.

Comrade Harold Kenyon gave a report on the Allied Veterans Council meeting referring especially to the appointment of a qualified veteran for the post of Veterans Rehabilitation Officer. Comrade Kenyon received the second highest vote and not only has been endorsed by our own YD Chapter, but also by the Disabled War Veterans and since the meeting by other strong local veterans associations.

Lieut. Colonel Charles Stanley another one of our own buddies in World War I and also a veteran of the present conflict who has recently returned from service abroad gave us a very interesting talk on his experiences. All the members enjoyed his talk and felt that they could have listened to him a great deal longer.

The entertainment for the November 14th meeting will be well worth seeing and we trust every member who has been a regular and those who have not will be on hand. We know they will not be disappointed.

We received a very welcome letter from another one of our comrades who is still in active service, Staff Sergt. Jos. Jacobs. It was mailed from the General Hospital in Butler, Penn., and we are glad to hear he is on the mend and the next letter we get will announce his full recovery.

Charlie Bowden's smiling face was conspicuous by its absence on account of illness, making the first time in years Charlie has been missing. His job as Secretary for the evening was capably filled by Ray Manchester one of the leading insurance men in the New England area.

Past. National Commander Forsyth's letter was read with great interest and was the topic of some very interesting comments.

A letter was read from our State Commander and we hope to be able to serve as hosts for the State Committee meeting some time in the Spring.

— Bee Bee.

Our language is called the mother tongue — because father seldom gets a chance to use it.

SPRINGFIELD

I suppose you all thought that the Springfield Chapter was dead—well this is just to let you know that it is not so as we up here in the sticks are very much alive and kicking and have a lot of major functions in progress and the committees are working short handed owing to the working conditions.

The chapter has sponsored a Pop Concert with music by the Bradley Field Band and this was a huge success as it had the largest attendance for the season with some 4000 or 5000 people enjoying the boys in service music. A collection was taken by the members of the chapter and the Auxiliary who are always ready to give the chapter a helping hand. The chapter turned over to A.E.F. of Bradley Field a large sum and a very fine letter was received by the chapter with thanks for this sum. After the concert the band received refreshments after which every one had a swell evening. Credit for a bar maid goes to Past Commander R. Beach.

The chapter has under way another Boys in Service Xmas Party for the boys who cannot get home for Xmas and the chairman is no other than our Past Commander D. Brunton and all the officers of the chapter. Last year this affair was a huge success and the boys who attended had a very nice time, so as time goes on you will hear more as the committee progresses.

Yes we are going to have our annual Armistice Party as usual and I only hope that great big mess that confronts us at the present time could be over by this time so we could enjoy it twice as much.

The chapter is also sending gifts to all the members' sons and daughters who are in the armed services and believe me Jr. Vice Walter Gilligan is going right to town on this project.

At the New York Convention a newly organized club was formed and is called the Hornet S with Earle Chapman as the Chief Buzzer, Boston Kelley of the Phila. Chapter the Little Buzzer, Bob Phelps, treasurer. This club consists of just 26 members and lady friends; more will be heard from this super-duper outfit from time to time and the lid comes off at the next convention wherever it may be.

The chapter within the past month has lost two of its members—Comrade Eli Squires and David Selleg and the chapter will feel the loss of these members.

Comrade Earle Chapman has opened a filling station and is also doing general repairing of all kinds from kiddie car up. So if you are passing through our town of West Springfield why not stop at Chapman's Service Station and say hello.

Comrades, T/Sgt. Henry Roux is now back in the old stamping grounds with General Patton's group in France and Lt. Jg. Sydney Issacs is back in the Pacific once again.

I understand that the 26th (new div.) is now in France and that they are a part of the 2nd Army.

Springfield Auxiliary

Here it is the fall and opening with a meeting at our rooms, which was attended by a nice crowd with a few new members. We have forty-five members now and more coming in very soon. Myrtle is doing a grand job on membership.

Since writing last I must tell you about the Pops Concert that the YD sponsored here. The series for the summer was supposed to be all completed but the YD boys got their heads together and decided that they would like another so got in touch with the Bradley Field Band under Warrant Officer Rene Pettit and he was more than enthusiastic about it and more co-operated with them in every way. They put on a swell concert and it was more than enjoyed by about 5,000 music lovers. After the concert the members of the band and their wives were invited down to the Auditorium for a feed which was put on by the YD ladies. They said they had a great time and always like the way the YD put their affairs over.

The YD and their ladies were invited down to Bradley Field for the fights but only four could go. Major Campbell and W. O. Pettit were disappointed as they were looking forward to a big turn-out, but a death of one of their members occurred and of course that was more important. Hope we all can go on the next invitation.

— Marion A. Hogan, Sec.

A second lieutenant stopped a young man in a natty uniform in the PX.

"What's the eighth general order?" he snapped.

"I dunno," the fellow admitted.

"Haven't you been on guard duty?"

"Nope."

"Don't you know enough to say 'sir'? What outfit are you with?"

"Coca-Cola."

DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND

Dep't. Commander: John J. Kelly, 47 Arlington Ave., Cranston, R. I.
Dep't. Secretary: Howard W. Hunt, 76 Mineral Spring Ave., Pawtucket, R. I.

STATE MEETING

On Sunday, September 24th, a successful invasion of the Smithfield Sportsman's Club was made by 150 YDers and their friends on the occasion of their annual clambake and get-to-gether. According to Madames, Simpson and Sousa the chowder was very good. Well, ladies, that's one delicacy the boys didn't cook. For the other five courses they'll take either abuse or credit.

To the hard working committee of Albert Plant, John Moran, James Macallam, Arnold Beech, Walter Vickery, James Girvan, Clifton Emmons, William Bergin, George MacLeod, Dave Davidson, George Fuller, Carl Olson, and Chairman Guy Kittredge I want to say thanks for a job well done.

Guests present and introduced were Norman D. MacLeod, former Major of the 103rd F. A. and present candidate for Governor of Rhode Island. Nat'l. Comdr. John A. Dunlop congratulated the Department for their YD spirit and increase of membership. Staff Sgt. George MacLeod, Jr., a veteran of two years service with the AAF in England spoke briefly of his many missions over Europe. Gene Dugas and Comrade Smith from New Hampshire thanked all for the swell time. Guests were also present from Springfield, Mass., Conn., and New York, N. Y.

The field events were limited to a short program in which "Pete Bourget's Has-beens defeated Jack Oysterburg's Oysters in a game of volley ball. With the aid of his own score-keeper, own rules and own referee he claimed victory by the score of 21 to 19. Mrs. Francis Dunn and Mrs. Amos Harris in the ball throwing contest K O'ed the secretary of the P. C. Miss Lillian Laffey copped first honors in the girl's race. John La Porte did likewise in the boy's event. Prizes of a military secret were copped by many YDers in a game of chance sponsored by YD Kittredge.

Entertainment was furnished by Mrs. Guy Kittredge and Mrs. Ralph Dexter who alternated at the piano for the Agony Quartet of Story, Stang, Holland and Paquin. Harold Downey's rendition of "Kiss Me Again" was encored several times. As a finale "Pete" Bourget's recitation of "Lights Out" brought the day to a close.

I had the pleasure of attending the Nat'l. Convention of the A. L. in Chicago. Frank McCaffery, former secretary of the Providence Chapter was elected N.J.V.C. To that quartet of YD men Edward Morrissey, James Donovan, G. Leroy Anderson and Leo F. Zygonski, the Mrs. and I wish to thank you for your hospitality in making our stay in the Windy City a most happy one. I also paid a visit to "Bill" McAllister, Jr., son of Providence chapter's secretary who is a patient in the Great Lakes Naval Hospital.

In commenting on the membership for Rhode Island I'm glad to report that we have bettered our mark of last year. What we need is a few more faithful workers to help the old gang to carry on. This year, for example, Cliff Emmons came out of retirement and has been a real asset to his Chapter and the department. Well, boys, if you would like to become real active just say the word and we'll find plenty for you to do.

— John J. Kelly,
Dept. Commander

PROVIDENCE

Commander: David Davidson
1040 Cranston St., Cranston, R. I.
Secretary: William M. McAllister
71 Calaman Rd., Cranston, R. I.

Never again shall I play Indian for Big Chief Kelly. On the morning of Sept. 24th at sunrise, 12 YD men volunteered to cook a modified Rhode Island clambake. Providence Chapter was represented by Tin Horn Emmons, Corn-cob Vickery, Big Horse Girvan and Chief "Butcher Knife" Kittredge. From 6 in the morning until 10 at night we peeled corn, steamed clams, cooked chowder, chopped wood and washed dishes. I'm telling you fellers when you try to cook on a couple of old stoves discarded by John Smith and Pocahontas you've really got a job on your hands when you try to cook a shore dinner for 150 hungry YDers. If there's going to be a bake in 1945 the above named Indians cast their ballot now that the said bake be catered by those more experienced in the fine art of such a delicacy. Let's hope Chief "Tin Horn" Emmons of Greenvill, R. I., reads this paragraph.

From my way of thinking it was a real good old-fashioned YD blowout. Eighty made reservations and 150 turned out. Our Commander in Chief journeyed down from New Hampshire with Comrades Smith and Gene Dugas. We'll take John A. Dunlap's word for it that the boys enjoyed themselves. We had as a guest of honor Major Norman D. Mac-

Leod, candidate for the governorship of Little Rhody. Guests were also present from chapters in Massachusetts and Connecticut.

At our September meeting it was voted to send our YD men in service a memento of Christmas time. To my knowledge we have five members serving overseas and Commander Davidson requests that you all do your little bit in adding cheer for the Xmas holiday. You know what mail meant to you in 1917-19. Well, it means the same in 1944 to our members serving Over There. Comrade Holland will take care of the gifts. We suggest that you pick a name and send cards to the following:

Brig. Gen. Harold A. Barker, 43 Div. F.A. A.P.O. No. 43, c/o P.M. San Francisco, Cal; Col. Dwight T. Colley, Hdqrs., 104th Inf., 26 Div., A.P.O. No. 26, c/o P.M., New York, N.Y.; Col. E. C. Forsythe, T.C., 5th Port of Embarkation, A.P.O. 350, c/o P.M., New York, N. Y.; Major Paul B. Metcalf, G-5 SHAEF, A.P.O. 757, c/o P.M., New York, N. Y. and Raymond G. Donahue, MM 1/c, U.S.S. LS-T 74, F.P.O., c/o P.M., New York, N. Y. Let's get on the ball and have the Mrs. drop a card to this old gang of ours. The names of others serving Over Here will be published in the December issue of DOINGS.

In the membership drive Whitman's Cake- eaters took a shell-lacking from Kitt's Chow-hounds. Now that we know who the losers are—the winners—would like to know when Whitman is going to make up his mind as to when he is going to take the boys out for that hamboiger steak dinner. At least, Ralph, the boys would like to eat in 1944. For the month of September we signed up Kenneth B. MacKenzie, Hdqrs. Co., 103 F.A., Howard F. Windsor, Bty. B, 103rd F.A., David M. Greenwood, Hdqrs. Co., 102nd F.A. and Nick Di Stefano who has re-upped for 1944-45. Thanks, boys, for your membership.

Chaplin Vickery reports that at the age of 50 or more we are not only losing our hair and teeth but vital parts of our system. At present Carl Olson and Harold Bullock of old B Bty and Ed Quigley are in the U.S.N. hospital for a tuning up. Sonny Hample is still beating the rap. So far as we know "Bill" Scully survived the clambake. At least, Scully, that's a feather in our hat. Charlie Perry and Henry McCarthy are on their feet after a tough bout with illness. To Capt. Tom Keenan we express our deep sympathy in the loss of his wife, Mrs. Monica Keenan, a veteran of World War 1 and prominent in veteran's activities in Rhode Island. To Ray Thompson and Frank McCormick our condolence in the loss of their dear ones.

YD activities in Rhode Island is at a high point. On December 22nd, Providence Chapter will sponsor a dance at the Narragansett Hotel for service men stationed in the vicinity of our state. A Bty., under the leadership of Chester F. Lees and Julius A. Saacks still continue to keep the ball rolling. C Co. and A of the 103rd M.G.B. are still clicking and keeping the old gang together. Members of C Bty, 103rd F.A. are very active in chapter affairs. Leo Bottari, Bob Eisman and William A. Cullen expect action shortly from the old 104th Ambulance Co. It is also rumored that B Bty may pull a reunion in the near future. With Emmons, Andrews, Girvan, McCaffery, Lakey and other trying to arouse interest I'm sure it will be a success. If this column can be of any help to the secretaries of the above named you can rest assured we are at your service. With an occasional note from you we can let your former members throughout the country fom Maine to California know what's cookin' back here in Little Rhody.

Missing in action from YD meetings is one Ken Dennis, former Mess Sgt. in old Co. C, 103rd MGB. When last seen he was in the neighborhood of Newport Naval Hospital catering to the needs of YD men and from all reports he's doing a bang-up job. Anyone coming in contact with him will favor us by notifying him that our next chapter meeting will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 6, 1944. By the way, comrades, Francis Cosgrove hit the kitty for $20.00 at our September meeting but wasn't there to collect. Let's hope it doesn't happen to YOU in December.

— Murray-Mack.

DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

Dep't. Secretary: Alexander J. Flynn, 47 Dayton St., New Haven (15), Conn.
Dep't. Commander: Fred V. Hirsch, 139 Foster St., New Haven (11), Conn.

STATE MEETING

Reports of Chapter Commanders: Bridgeport, Carlos; Bristol, Thompson, Sallidan; Gr. Stonington, absent; Hartford, Curtin, Carter, Robertson; Meriden, Roys and nine members present; Manchester, Beckwith; Middletown, absent; New Britain, absent; New Haven, Hirsch, Flynn, Schurk; New London, absent; Norwalk, absent; Stamford, delegate; Torrington, absent; Wallingford, Bossidy and 15 members present; Valley, absent; Waterbury, Father Anderson; Windham County, absent. Membership standing to date, 1026—still growing stronger each day.

Reports of illness by Chaplain and Commanders—reports that 26 YD comrades at present at Newington Hospital. Comrade Carter of Hartford Chapter makes a splendid report of visits to Newington

each week. Cards for those now in hospital signed by all present. Commander Hirsch reports of death of our comrade of New Haven Chapter, Andrew Anastassio who passed away yesterday and a military funeral will be held Tuesday with his chapter carrying out the wishes of his family.

Standing committees: Beckwith on new constitution and by-laws progress—copies of present by-laws to be mimeographed and sent to all chapters—motion seconded and so carried.

Unfinished business: Commander Hirsch reported on visit to Newington Hospital, distributed cigarettes; has new YD stationery for distribution. At this time the thanks of the department are expressed to the following chapters who favored us with the following—1000 envelopes—1500 letterheads—which are headed Yankee Division Veterans' Association—Department of Connecticut. Envelopes with official YD cut and under same U. S. Veterans' Hospital, Newington 2. Connecticut expression of thanks to Wallingford, Meriden and New Haven chapters.

New business: Invitation to hold our next regular meeting of November at Meriden at the American Legion Hall on Colony street accepted. Lengthy discussion as to the proper distribution of cigarettes to comrades at Newington found it favorable to the suggestion made by Comrades Carter and Robertson of Hartford Chapter—with many of the chapters asking members to bring an extra pack when attending regular chapter meetings. The amount should bring good results—so that when the department again goes to the hospital they can distribute to all who are being hospitalized making the feeling towards Y.D.V.A. one that should exist—good fellowship.

Good of Y.D.V.A.: Appreciation expressed by Comrade Carter in behalf of Comrade Joe Keefe. His many thanks to all who write to him—especially to Comrades Culver and Dube of New Haven Chapter.

Letters read from John Henry Parker Chapter of Middletown and of Windham.

Reports made by Commander Curtin of Hartford of the fine times they are holding and gives an invitation to all to attend the Past Commanders' Night of this chapter on Thursday, Nov. 2, 1944 at Danish Hall.

Meriden extends an invitation to all to attend a plaque presentation to a YD comrade who gave his life while in France.

Bill Sallidan and P.S. Commander Thompson are now acting as a membership committee to help Hartford and as of today turned in a new member for them who was found at Plainville who said he never heard of Hartford Chapter.

Commander Hirsch expressed the desire of all YD comrades who might have the time and the liberty of being in New Haven for the Anniversary Mass of our past beloved Comrade, National Comdr. Col. Leonard J. Maloney on Nov. 1st at St. Peter's Church, New Haven to attend and wear berets.

Meeting adjourned at 5.30 p. m. until the second Sunday of November at the American Legion Hall, Colony street, Meriden, Conn. Meriden Chapter hosts —3.30 p. m., meeting called.

Remember your YD comrade at Newington; bring that extra pack of cigarettes to your chapter meeting and again when you attend the State meeting. Let's have the amount we wish for so that your department commander and his officers can go there and not be embarrassed and present to each comrade a pack of cigarettes.

BRIDGEPORT

Commander: George Carlos
160 Grove St., Bridgeport, Conn.
Secretary: Samuel B. Zolo
1928 Seaview Ave., Bridgeport, Conn.

Bridgeport Chapter of YD held their meeting with the younger members of the chapter attending—that is those who are still able to get out and around.

Among those were our Commander, George Carlos, Treas. Joseph Wynkoop, John P. Fray, Chas. Cockerton, Martin Norup, who makes the long trip from West Haven, Bob Rayburn, John Schultze and Sam Marcus, who was sent to attend another meeting for us.

Those that were there settled down to business and tickets were passed out for a raffle to bolster our Treas. Bonds and Stamps will be given away.

The Ladies' Auxiliary, who always seem to have more in attendance than we, were very busy arranging to send gifts to the sons and daughters of their members who are in the service and other activities that keep them very busy. — Samuel B. Zolo.

BRISTOL

Commander: Fred W. Bauer
Unionville, Conn.
Secretary: Will N. Salladin, Jr.
153 Goodwin St., Bristol, Conn.

Short and sweet and late as usual from Mount Sec Chapter. Our last meeting held Friday nite, the 13th at our new quarters for the winter, the Elks' Club on South St., saw some new faces and everyone seemed to like the place, especially the fireplace.

Report was that Tony Penda (Caboose) and George Scott were in the hospital, but both will be O K we hope in a short time.

Took in one new member. Harry Mahoney, Co. M, 102nd Inf. All time high again for Bristol—115.

Bristol had a good representation at last State meeting in Wallingford. — W. N. Salladin, Jr., Sect.

HARTFORD
Commander: John J. Curtin
63a Webster St., Hartford, Conn.
Secretary: Samuel J. Rosen
83 Love Lane, Hartford, Conn.

I know that I have missed the boat once or twice but these have been busy months here in Hartford for your scribe. Also there has been much doing in Veterans' activities and war work. To try and describe everything in detail would require a complete edition of YANKEE DOINGS.

Hartford dedicated a Municipal Honor Roll with many YD men serving on the committee. Then Hartford opened its news Veterans' Service Center with our own Past National Commander, Ben Bourn, as one of the guiding lights.

Our meeting, Oct. 5, 1944, was known as Baseball Night. Guest speakers were Harry N. Anderson, one of the young, old time baseball men, Charley Blossfield, manager of the Hartford Senators and Congressman Wm. J. Miller. Baseball movies followed and plenty to eat and drink.

— Samuel J. Rosen.

MIDDLETOWN
General John H. Parker, D.S.C. Chapter
Commander: Joseph C. Kolinsky
Crystal Lake Rd., Middletown, Conn.
Secretary: Joseph Petruzeillo
R.F.D., Higganum, Conn.

The annual fall session of the chapter was held in the Dugout; many members traveled miles to be with us. The chapter with the aid of the Disabled American Veterans sponsored the newly formed order, Purple Heart Chapter; 15 members were enrolled, most of whom are YD comrades. The chapter also voted to be represented in the newly formed Veterans' Council and Jos. Petruzello, Joe Kolinsky and Major George Holmes were elected delegates to the council. (Since this meeting Joe Kolinsky was elected temporary secretary of the Council). We do hope that in the near future Major Holmes will be making his home here in Middletown.

Activities of the chapter have been somewhat dormant over the summer months and monthly meeting will be held from now on. It was voted that a get-together be held in the near future with the usual eats and etc., and every member and potential member will be sent an invitation. The chapter will provide at no cost to membership. Another communication was received from former National Commander Forsyth, and this was referred to the executive committee for action with report on same at next meeting. After the meeting a nice luncheon was enjoyed and a vote of thanks to the committee in charge for a very pleasant day spent at Crystal Lake.

— Joseph C. Kolinsky.

MERIDEN
Commander: Clarence A. Roys
87 No. Pearl St., Meriden, Conn.
Secretary: Eben Dike
289 Curtis St., Meriden, Conn.

On Nov. 10th at 2:30 P. M., Meriden Chapter will dedicate a Brass Shield in memory of Everett Leonmont who was killed in action Nov. 10th, 1918. The ceremony will take place at the Hanover School in So. Meriden with the school children participating. The State Commander Fred Hirsch and other State Officers are expected.

Next State Meeting will be in Meriden at Legion Home on Nov. 12 at 2:30 P. M. Earl Canto is chairman of committee.

Our P. C. "Buck" Adams was taken to Meriden Hospital on Oct. 14th and will be there for two weeks or more.

At last State Meeting in Wallingford, Meriden had the best attendance of all chapters.

Refreshments were won by our Commander and Jr. Vice Commander.

— Eben Dike, Sec'y.

NEW BRITAIN
Commander: Eric S. Olsen
123 Church St., New Britain, Conn.
Secretary: Gerald P. Crean
c/o New Britain Herald
New Britain, Conn.

Hello all: We're back on the air again after a long rest. We started to save our money all summer but the first one to go broke was Pat Malley. He got stuck three games playing "scooter dice" and had to buy the drinks. Dewey Selander, past commander, has his cellar all fixed up with a nice bar and all the fixings. We held a special meeting there the other night and we considered a suggestion by Tony Pechout that, at all meetings after Jan. 1, we will have a special time for the members present whose birthdays come during that month. The committee on arrangements consists of Pechout, Dan Silva, Commander Olsen, Capt. Al Griswold, Selander, Gus Krieger, Jack Suess and Jimmy Greene.

Greene still does pretty good at setback. Eugene Jones, local fireman, had a free ride on a runaway fire truck but he rode it perfectly until he had to jump. He injured his ankle. Commander Olsen went to the races, had five winners, but came home broke. Our meetings are the first Thursday of the month at the State Armory. So long for now.

— Gerry Crean.

NEW HAVEN
Commander: Otis H. Culver
181 Cove St., New Haven 13, Conn.
Secretary: Eugene F. Clark
420 Central Ave., New Haven 15, Conn.

Now that the lazy days of summer are past we are again back in the harness and moving forward with a program of activities for the fall and winter with gusto.

The House Committee, under the chairmanship of Past Comdr. Henry J. Dube, composed of Steve Bomboliski, "Gig" Carton, Ray Cooper, Felix Sparvel and Sherwood Rogers, has not been asleep throughout the sultry summer months however. Through the activities of this group our chapter has received upwards of $200 per month in revenue, plus more than $100 toward our annual donations to the "Register Fresh Air Fund" for the maintenance of a camp for underprivileged children, and Crippled Children's Christmas Remembrance Fund. Our hats are off and our gratitude is deep to our House Committee for a most excellent performance. Our thanks also are extended to Troop 25, Boy Scouts of America and their Scoutmaster, Earl Rosa for their aid in the collection of waste-paper and old magazines, as well as Comrade A. Iver Coleman, manager of West Hills Federal Housing Development and, last but not least, Comrade Dwight W. Chapman, our transportation wizard, without whom the salvage drives would have been nil.

We were favored at our last meeting by a visit of Comrade Edward O'Meara, director of the Federal Social Security Bureau in New Haven. Past National Comdr. Bill Forsyth was also present to favor us with a pep talk and compliment us on our backing the membership program of the new National Commander, John W. Dunlap.

Membership is now 235 and more in the offing for the next meeting. Twenty-six new members so far this year! How's that? Last year we signed 25 new ones. Who says it can't be done? See Ray Cooper any time and ask him how it's done. Maybe our Commander could also tell you the secret?

Chaplain Sherwood W. Rogers, Commander Otis H. Culver and a goodly number of YD men gathered on Oct. 9, 1944, at the Funeral Home of Maresca & Sons to pay last respects to our comrade, Andrew ("Andy") Anastasio who died of a heart ailment at his home on Oct. 7th. At the request of the family the Yankee Division Veterans' Association's Ritual for the dead was performed at the bier. Commander Culver and Comrades George Tyrrell, Louis Popolizio, and Dominick Calistro, acted as pall-bearers. "Andy" was laid to rest with full military honors in St. Lawrence Cemetery. He served overseas with the Machine Gun Company, 102nd Infantry, was wounded in action, and had never fully recovered. His widow and two daughters survive him.

Here's hoping all of the sick ones reported by Chaplain Rogers are doing well and will soon be around again. Comrades Edwin Barnes, Tom Zelechosky, George Wise, Carl J. Anderson, Ed Poulton, Arthur C. T. Beers, Charlie Boucher and Jack DeMayo as well as Mrs. Ray Cooper, Mrs. Philip English, Mrs. Florence Hawks and Mrs. John L. Sanford, are either in hospitals or ill at home, according to our advice. Also, our old friend Joe Keefe, is still at Newington.

All are looking forward to participation in the coming "Armistice Day" ceremonies on Nov. 11th. A full report will be made about it in the December issue of DOINGS. — O.H.C.

DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED STATES

DETROIT
Commander: Francis Clark
5212 Lafontaine Ave., Detroit 24, Michigan
Secretary: William H. Munsell
14366 Coyle Ave., Detroit 27, Michigan

The Detroit Chapter had the good fortune to be invited to hold its September meeting at the home of Capt. and Mrs. Benson Munyan in Highland Park, one of the suburbs which Detroit completely surrounds but cannot swallow.

That doesn't mean that the Detroit Yanks can't swallow what they found in Highland Park. Quite the contrary, for the Munyan's, as some of you remember used to live in Springfield, Mass. and know what New Englanders consider real fodder. And they know the real cure for parched tonsils also.

Some of you may wonder if there is only one member who can keep a money bag tied or only one member who is sucker enough to permit himself to be "sekertery" year after year. I had quite a few lines written about the last meeting in more or less humorous vein but thought that it might be boring to most of you so cut it out. You really have to see Pete Sady in action to appreciate the finesse with which he gets his ideas across. Honest John and I are practically helpless. Our new commander is one of the men whom we have been wanting to honor for a

long time because of his continuing interest, his attendance at meetings and his loyalty to the YD. In getting Francis Clark to accept the post of commander for the next year Pete showed again his good judgment and all of the chapter membership feel we have a good year ahead. Now if only somebody would agree to send in these few reports a year, the secretary would be entirely happy.

About 12 men turned out to share one of the nicest evenings we have had this year. The Munyans have had more than their share of soldiers in their family and know just what old soldiers enjoy. Mrs. Munyan is one of those friendly, hospitable and efficient souls who can have a group in good spirits in two minutes. We had a song session going in record time and after we had tuckered out Mrs. Munyan, friend Walton took over until tired voices had to be soaked in friendly juices. We must also include a New England couple, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Adamson, who used to live in Brunswick, Me. Two good voices and two swell people who had come in to wish Mrs. Munyan a happy birthday. Mrs. Adamson's description of the last clambake she had gone to last summer made some of us homesick.

Perhaps some of you who still live in the east think that we poor foreigners out here seldom think of New England but if you could have tasted some of those baked beans we had to eat that night you would have realized that no matter how far nor how long you leave the east you never forget the things that make New England our first home.

We were glad to have Dave Swartz and Jack Guittaud out for the meeting for they had their share of difficulties last year. You know that as the teeth fall out, the hair either gets gray or thin and the tickers have to be pampered, we begin to appreciate more fully the meetings we are able to attend. Wish I had more time to tell of the sons and relatives now in the service but will leave that until another letter.

Meantime, the Detroit bunch wish all other YD men the best of luck and good health.

— W. H. Munsell.

NEW YORK
Commander: Fred D. Brown
607 Fifth Ave., New York City
Acting Secretary: Anthony F. Fanelle
626 East 35th St., Brooklyn 3, N. Y.

The New York Chapter opened its fall season with a bang on Sept. 26, after skipping the month of August. There was a good attendance, a good guest speaker, and a keg of amber fluid for the thirsty—and everybody seemed to be thirsty. PDC Bob Dickson, chairman of the Entertainment Committee, introduced the guest speaker, Lieut. L. J. Eberle, Royal Navy Volunteer Reserve, Gunnery Control Officer in the "Spotting Top" on H.M.S. Nelson, the Home Fleet Flagship, who gave the members a very interesting and graphic word picture of that ship's tours of duty in northern patrols with the Allied fleets, the Malta convoys, the Allied landings in North Africa and in Sicily, the bombardment of the mainland at Reggio (Italy), the landings at Salerno, and the invasion of Normandy.. The absentees missed a good show.

Do you realize, fellow members of the chapter, that there are a number of you who pay your dues but never come around? By paying your dues you acknowledge that this is your chapter, and that you have an interest in it as well as the YDVA as a whole, which is as it should be. Why not back that up by coming around to the meetings, take part in the discussions, and enjoy the fun? Some fine programs are being planned.

One of our hard working members, Comrade Griswold, is back with us again after an absence due to illness. Glad you're back, Atherton, but take it easy. We are glad to report that Secretary Bert Lonergan, who is still in Suffolk Sanitarium, Holtsville, L. I., reports progress.

We learned with regret, of the passing away of Rev. Michael J. O'Connor, who was our divisional chaplain in the last war. Many of us in those days received the benefit of his spiritual guidance and human understanding. R.I.P. Father.

We were happy to welcome Henry Anderson, Worcester Chapter, and Jack Guittaud, Detroit Chapter, who dropped in for the meeting. We hope you had a good time comrades and come again when you can.

— Anthony F. Fanelle.

E CO ECHOES

Sept. 24th, we had a call on the phone from Arlington and it turned out to be none other than our old buddy, Irving Litchfield from whom we hadn't heard in yars and yars. Litch is in the Navy now and was on his way to Bremerton Navy Yard on the West Coast, State of Washington. When you get your "Echoes" tell us where to send the next one, Litch. Charlie Bateman was the big shot at the September convention of the Savings Bank Assn. of Massachusetts. He was president last year and was reelected for another year. Seen on the street or elsewhere since last issue were Warren McLeod, Gordon MacMillan. Saw Lewie Berlyn in South Station a couple of Saturday afternoons ago when we were meeting our oldest boy who arrived for a leave. Lewie said one of his sons is now a Lieutenant in the Navy at Biloxi, Miss. Had a card in August from Haverhill signed "Rich" and we think it may have been Rich True, but on the other hand it might have been one of the Richardson lads. George Gillman is one of the prime movers in the Weymouth Service Men and Women Home Coming Committee. Gill can generally be counted on to do an outstanding job on public-spirited things of that nature. Walter Ripley's daughter has been married since last issue. We understand Karl Jackson has been getting to be an expert on synthetic rubber in Lowell. Also, we understand that Hutch sold his cottage on Cape Cod just about two days before the hurricane struck there.

Some of you may have met Mr. Lyndell who was always very helpful to the women when they held those reunions for us in April. We are sorry to say he passed away in August. Matty and his wife and mother and Jim Metcalf represented "E" Company at the funeral of our old buddy, Arthur Dudley, who died on July 6th. It was very sudden and a great shock to all of us. Jim Metcalf arranged for flowers from "E" Co. and we wrote to Mrs. Dudley expressing the sympathy of all of us. If any other "E" men were at the funeral we're sorry we didn't hear of them. Here's a note that we saw Tommy Wiggin in Patten's Restaurant a while ago—and on one of those hot Saturday afternoons as we were trudging up from the train who should come along but Bill Kearns to give us a lift home. It hardly seems possible that we won't be seeing Art Dudley around any more. He was always so full of pep and fun. He was a precision engineer for a Hudson (Mass.) machine tool company and was prominent in town affairs, having been Town Auditor and a member of the Board of Health. Besides his wife he left a daughter, Barbara Ann.

In a New York paper on August 1st we noticed an item that Oliver Garrett's new play is titled "Sleep, My Pretty One." Johnny Priestley's son, of the same name, was somewhere in England in August, as a Lieutenant in the Air Service. Ye Ed.'s second son is in France—got there early in August and has been able to say he saw LeMans and had been through the Haute Marne. He's in the Field Artillery. Herbie Weeks is doing a swell job at the YD Club of Lynn—so swell in fact that apparently the members consider him "tops" and he can have the job for life if he will take it. He keeps an eye out for sick members and makes sure they aren't overlooked. Received a nice letter from Bill Plummer from up in Fryeburg, Me. He has one nephew in the Coast Guard who has made several trips across the Atlantic. Another nephew is in the army in Kentucky. Bill sends his regards to all . We hear that Al Goldsworthy has been ill. He lives in Linden—not far from Harold Brownson's plant. Hope by this time you're much better Al. Here's an announcement of the birth of a daughter to Captain and Mrs. David Buxton, meaning that if Bill had lived he would be a grandfather now.

★★★ TAPS ★★★

Funeral services for Theodore C. Baker, major, 101st Supply Train, were held in St. Paul's Church, Brookline, with the Rev. Frederic C. Lawrence officiating. He died at the New England Baptist Hospital.

He leaves his widow, Mrs. Edith (Prescott) Baker; a son, Theodore, Jr., who is in the army; three daughters, Mrs. James P. Baxter, 4th; Mrs. Augustus Thorndike, Jr., and Miss Frances P. Baker, all of Brookline; and one brother, Edward H., who was associated with him in business.

Leo Thomas Mason, Company C, 104th Infantry, was buried in the East Cemetery at Manchester, Conn., on Monday, Oct. 9th. Bearers were Walter Balch, Wallace Payne, Ernest Peterson, George Booth, Edward Frazier, and Joseph Moriarty, all members of Epieds Chapter, YDVA. Chaplain Peterson read the prayer. The V.F.W. was represented by Comdr. John Linnell, also a member of Epieds Chapter.

Hayward Mott, formerly of the Medical Corps of the 101st Infantry, died at the West Roxbury Veterans' Hospital on Feb. 29th after a long, lingering illness. Hayward will be remembered by all veterans who have visited the Veterans' Bureau, where he was employed for the past 25 years. He assisted every veteran whom he came in contact with and was loved by all.

Burial was at the Arlington National Cemetery and the body was accompanied there by Capt. Edward Connor of the M.S.G., James J. Powers and John J. Cougling of the 101st Infantry Veterans' Association.

The party was met at the station in Washington by Charles J. McManus, Nate Golden, Joe Jordan, and other members of the Washington Chapter.

Leroy J. Ross, formerly of C Co., 101st Signal Corps, died at Veterans' Hospital at White River Junction, Vt., Oct. 5th after a lingering illness.

Burial was at Stoneham, Mass. on Oct. 8th. Most of the boys of the Signal Corps remember him as Duke Ross.

The Hartford Chapter and the Postal Employees' Post, American Legion, held a combination funeral service at the Taylor and Modeen Funeral Parlor, Oct. 1st for our deceased member, Belmont Schofield. Members of the Hartford Chapter present were Comrades Curtin, Goss, Carter, Bjornberg, Beebe, Buczinski, Trembulak, O'Connor, Romano, Seery, Swanson, Rosen, Varley, Caravatt and Yacavone. The regular YD service was read from the ritual by Commander Curtin, representing the Y.D.V.A. and Past Commander Goss, representing the American Legion.

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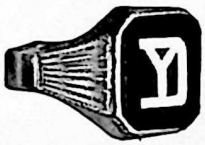

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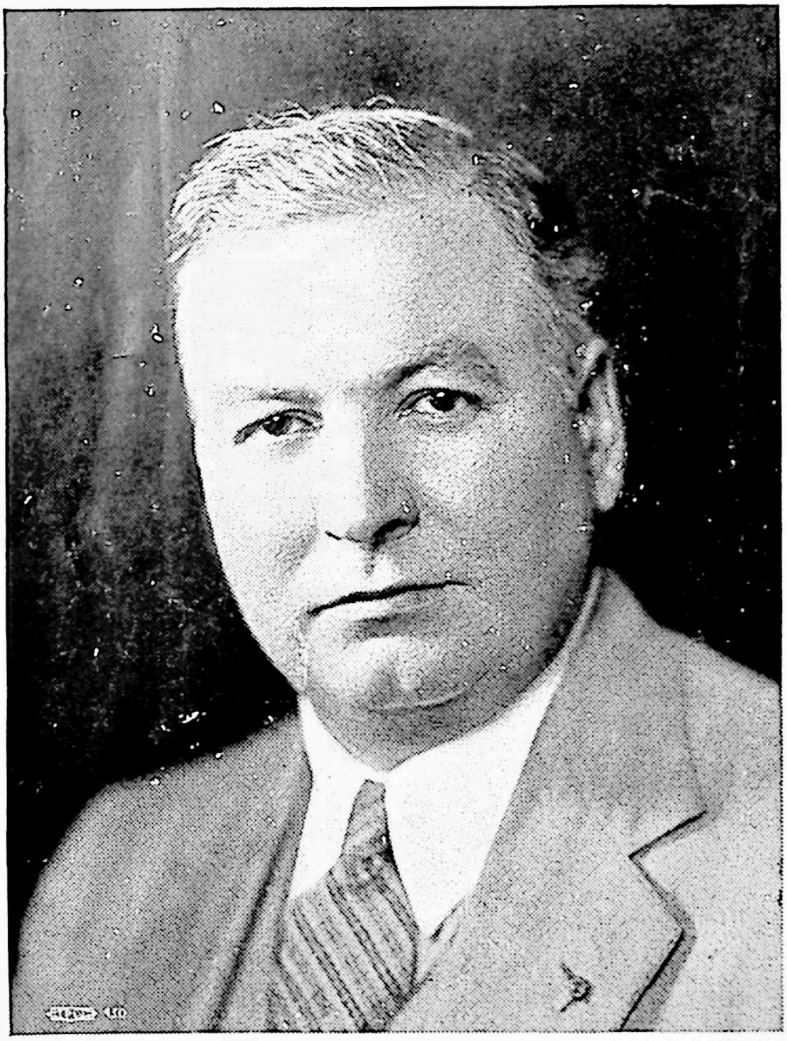

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